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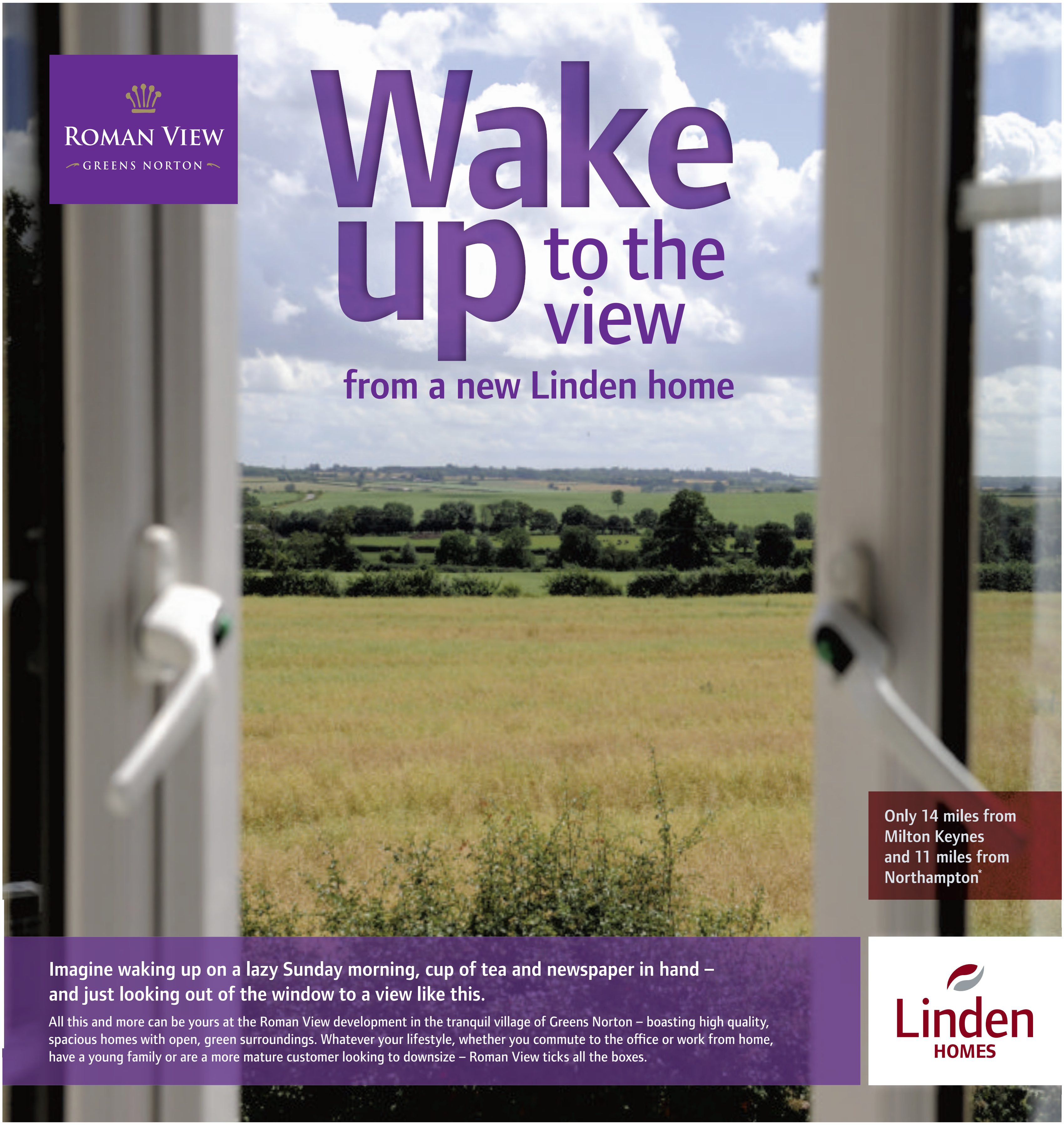

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The Steelbacks will have an open-top bus parade in Northampton as soon as their season ends, so as not to disrupt their ongoing challenge for further silverware

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Rare piece of town's history is discovered

By Wayne Bontoft
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A rare piece of Northampton's history has been found tucked away at the back of a filing cabinet in the Chronicle's offices on The Mounts.

Staff at the newspaper are currently preparing to move out of the building on The Mounts which has been the paper's home for the past 35 years.

Ahead of the move to a new, three-storey office block near to Northampton Crown Court next month, the Mounts building is being cleared out.

And during the tidy-up, a leather-bound copy of all the Northampton Mercury newspapers from 1722 was discovered in the back of a cupboard.

The newspapers are by far the oldest still owned by the *Chron* and are a rare piece of newspaper history.

Jon-Paul Carr, from Northampton's Central Library, which has copies of the Northampton Mercury dating back to 1720, said: "We've got a set of the 1722 papers and the British Library have got one, but there aren't many more.

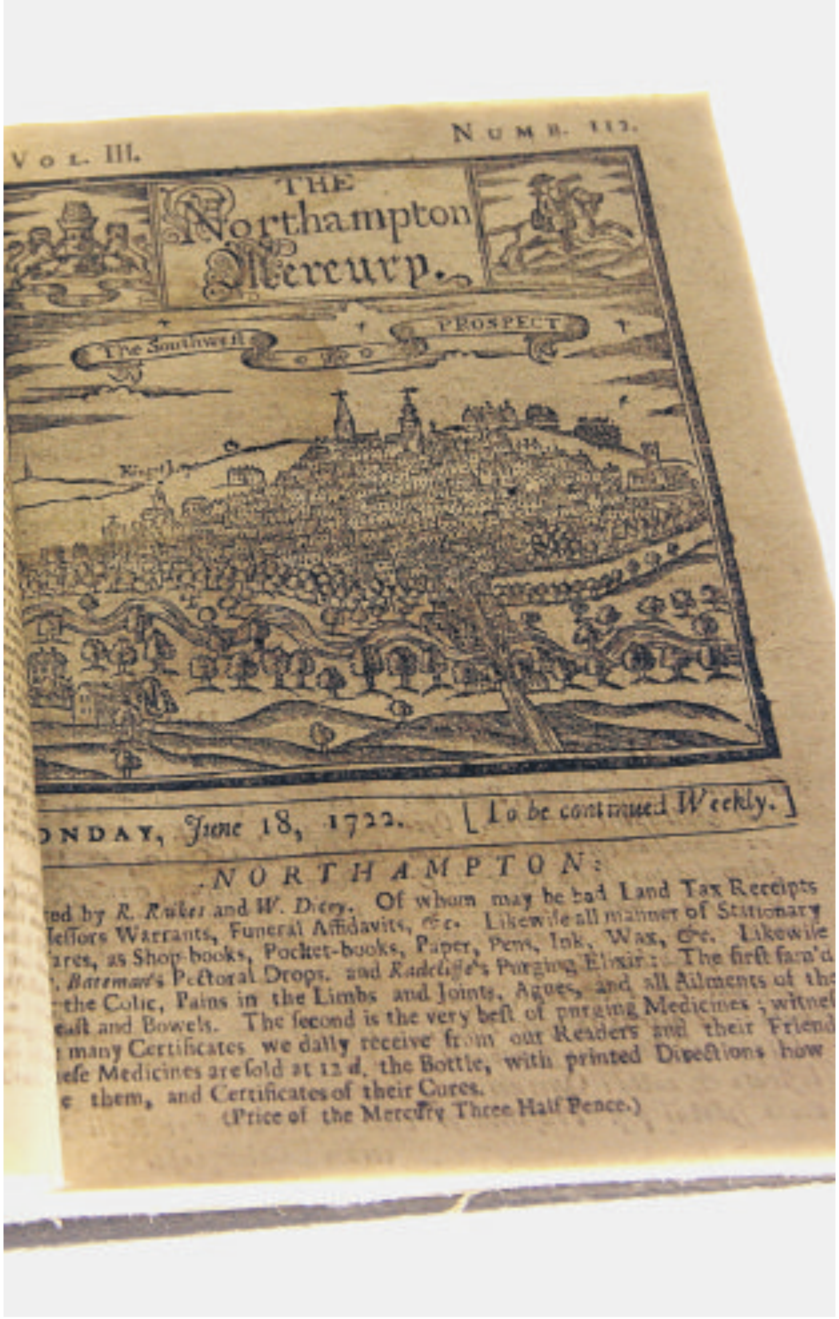
"All copies of The Mercury dating back to these days are very rare and it's very unusual that this copy is bound."

While the *Chronicle & Echo* was not launched until 1931, The Mercury first came out on May 2, 1720, making it one of Britain's oldest continually printed newspapers.

In the 1700s however, very little news in the paper was about Northampton. Instead, most reports focused on events happening in London and abroad.

The newspaper did however feature a weekly list of the diseases people had died from that week, with the August 21, 1722 edition showing consumption, convulsions, 'griping in the guts', smallpox and 'teeth' were among the big killers of the time.

The editor of both the *Chron* and the *Mercury*, David Summers, said: "It's fascinating to find a piece of Northampton's, and the newspaper's, history tucked away in the back of a drawer like this."



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HISTORIC FIND One of the front pages from the copies of the Northampton Mercury dating back to 1722, found in the Chron building

Interesting items of news from 1722 ...

●● On November 19,1722,The Mercury reported on a child who had been found abandoned in Rothersthorpe.

The young boy, who was said to be about a month or six weeks old, was discovered in a wagon, wearing a blue coat, a white frock and wrapped in a woollen apron with two bundles of clothes by his side.

The paper said if anyone could give information about the child to the Rothersthorpe church warden, they would be given a reward of five guineas and 'reasonable charges'.

The year 1722 also marked the opening of a rival newspaper to The Mercury, the Northampton Journal - sparking a fierce war between the two publishers.

In the July 9, 1722 edition of The Mercury, the rival Journal was described as being no more than "bum-fodder".

Another attack against the Journal followed on July 23, when The Mercury described the latest edition of The Journal as "fit only to wrap up drugs".

It also took up an entire page highlighting spelling mistakes in its rival. The Journal did not last long, but The Mercury is still published every week.

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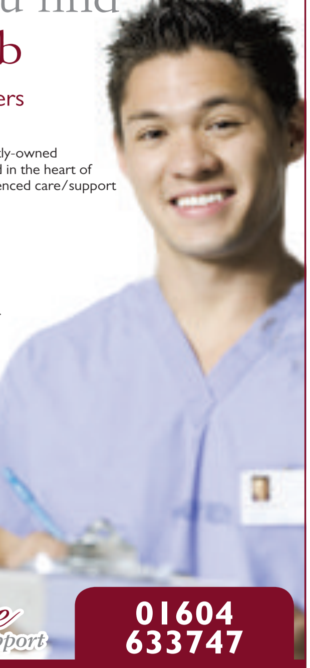

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Tree ninjas fly in at Salcey Forest

By Callum Jones
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A new outdoor climbing experience has opened in Salcey Forest, near Northampton, which includes a 40ft 'shock drop'.

Tree Ninja World is the first of its kind in Northamptonshire and is open to anyone above the age of seven years old or over 1.1 metres tall.

People who attempt the 1.1-kilometre course can wear ninja suits to protect their clothes.

Phil Butler, director of Tree Ninja world, said the course took between two and five hours to complete depending on the ability of the climber.

He said: "We are trying to broaden the spectrum of activities on offer to children.

"The Shock Drop offers an experience similar to that of Oblivion at Alton Towers.

"You don't have to wear the ninja suits and we have found that most people that have turned up have decided to wear their own clothes and trainers."

Unlike some forest rope climbing experiences, at Tree Ninja world people are always harnessed to the course.

Marshals are on the course monitoring all the people in the harnesses and a full safety briefing is provided.

During the summer months tree ninja world is open from 9am to 6.30pm and during the colder months its open from 10am to 4pm.

●●The official opening of Tree Ninja world will be on Saturday, August 24 and will be attended by Radio Two DJ Jo Whiley and Countdown host Nick Hewer. For people over the age of 18 years old Tree Ninja World costs £25 and for those under 18 it costs £20.

Stars on hand for Tree Ninja official opening

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Mr Butler said he was hoping to expand Tree Ninja World and possibly set up a new branch in Silverstone and in Leicestershire.

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CLIMBING HIGH The new Tree Ninja World at Salcey Forest

Oriental store plan for empty town shop

A FORMER dry cleaners in Northampton is due to be converted into an oriental supermarket.

The former Johnsons dry cleaning shop in The Drapery is due to be converted into a store called Sing Long.

An application has been made to Northampton Borough Council to sell alcohol from the premises between 9am and 10pm every day of the week.

A final decision on whether or not the supermarket should be granted permission to sell alcohol will be made by officials from the Guildhall's licensing department.

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The former dry cleaners has been vacant for a number of months.

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Bike fans to flock to Day of Champions

By Ian Gallagher
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Thousands of motorcycle fans are expected to descend on a county charity's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Day of Champions at Silverstone.

The event to raise money for Pitsford-based Riders for Health takes place on Thursday, August 29, ahead of the British round of the MotoGP world championship.

Riders for Health is the official charity of MotoGP, and the event raises money to provide millions of people across Africa with reliable health care.

The day includes stunt shows, live music and an auction, which will be attended by the stars of MotoGP.

At noon, the traditional Day of Champions ride-in will see 150 motorcycles arrive at the circuit in convoy led by British MotoGP star, Bradley Smith, and British Superbike champion, Niall Mackenzie.

Visitors to last year's Day of Champions got to meet the stars of MotoGP, including world champion Jorge Lorenzo

A Riders for Health spokesman said: "Each year, Day of Champions raises hundreds of thousands of pounds. The organisation mobilises health workers in Africa with motorcycles so they can reach remote rural communities with health care on a regular basis. Health workers are trained to ride safely over the rugged terrain and to do daily checks on their motorcycle so that it doesn't break down leaving vulnerable families isolated."

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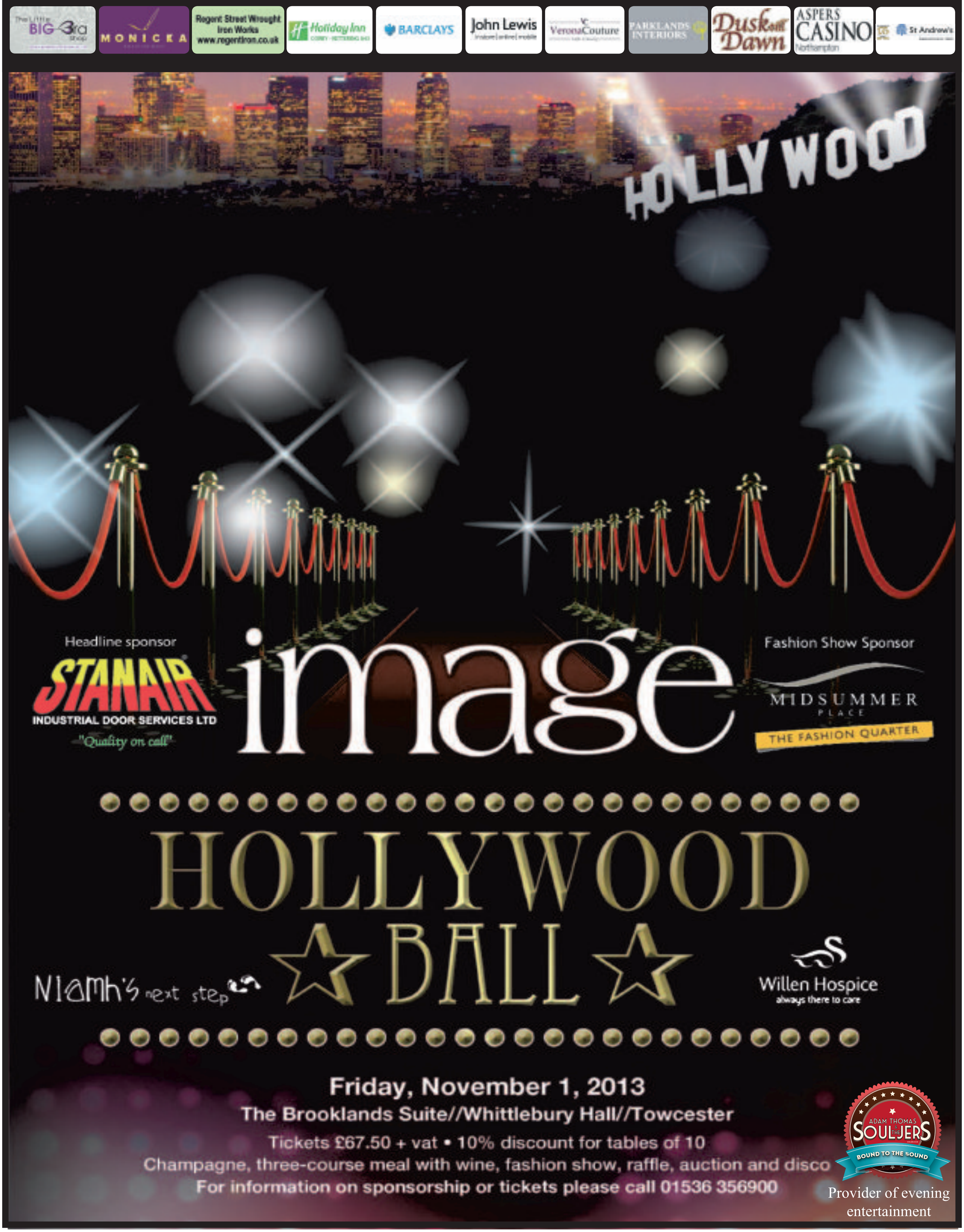
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Mike Greenhalgh, right, with his friend, Steve Hopewell

Paris challenge for brave fund-raiser

A GP and former Saints player is cycling to Paris to help fund the search for a cure for his nervous system disorder.

Mike Greenhalgh, a vice-captain at Franklin's Gardens in the 1980s, was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease two years ago, but rather than let the condition beat him, he has resolved to find ways of keeping up his active life.

The Greens Norton GP is to cycle from his surgery to the French capital in a six-day journey accompanied by friends and in aid of Parkinson's UK.

He said: "I wanted to give myself a challenge but I'm actually hoping to get some enjoyment from it.

"Physical excercise helps with any condition but it also boosts yourself mentally too, so the ride itself will actually have some positive effects for me."

Mr Greenhalgh's party consists of 17 cyclists, including friends and family and fellow ex-Saints player and policeman, Robbie George.

Departing on August 30, they hope to raise thousands of pounds for Parkinson's UK, a charity whose ultimate aim is to find a cure and improve life for everyone affected by Parkinson's and have so far amassed pledges totalling more than £12,000.

Mr Greenhalgh said: "My brother and I differ over how much we will actually generate. I think it will be about £15,000 but he is certain we will get nearer £20,000, which would be fantastic."

To add to the donations , visit: www.justgiving.com/Pedal2Paris4Parkinsons

Take action and vote for best film

JUDGES have announced the shortlist of 15 finalists for this year's Film Northants competition.

The short film competition received a wide range of entries from film makers, who were competing to win a place at the red carpet awards ceremony at Cineworld, Northampton, on September 9 where their efforts will be shown on a cinema screen.

The screening will feature nine shortlisted films from the under-16s category and six films from the over-16s category.

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Debut at games

By Ian Gallagher
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A Northampton woman who had a heart and lung transplant 12 years ago is taking part in her first sporting competition.

Natasha Rogers is taking part in the British Transplant Games, which started last week in Sheffield.

Natasha, aged 38, of Leafields, Wakes Meadow, Northampton, is competing in the tenpin bowling, mini marathon and cricket ball throwing for Team Harefield.

Natasha had her operation on June 26, 2001 – one of only nine transplants of its kind in the UK that year.

She was in hospital for 13 weeks after the operation, but was eventually able to return home and live a life she was only able to dream of before.

Natasha, whose story has been featured in the Chronicle & Echo since she was a child, said: "I am very excited. I've been going to the gym, which I started about three years ago, and I've started jogging, but I've not done any competitive sport. I'm looking forward to taking part in something I've not been able to do before.

"I will do my best, but I don't expect to win a medal. I had never heard of the games until about three years ago."

Natasha will be supported at the games this weekend by her proud parents, Graham and Ann.

Mr Rogers said: "There are people going from all over the world who we are in touch with on Facebook. I can't wait to see them.

"Natasha is under no illusions about the games. She is well aware of her limitations and ability.

"Winning events would be lovely, but the important thing for her is that she is alive, thanks to the selfless gift from a family who, at a sad time for them, decided to donate the organs of their loved one."

Mrs Rogers said: "The main idea is to advertise transplantation, and show what people can achieve. Natasha can do things now she could never, ever do before."

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Keiron fulfils his footballing dream

A talented nine-year-old footballer from Duston has lived every schoolboy's dream by walking out at Wembley stadium before a televised showpiece match.

Keiron Mobbs, a Lyncrest School pupil who will be Year 5 this term, strode out at the home of football on Sunday alongside Manchester United and England star Danny Welbeck before the Community Shield.

He was one of a number of youngsters who won the chance to accompany the players from the tunnel and out onto the pitch.

Keiron, who plays for MK Dons' under-10s and is a West Ham Fan, won the chance to be a McDonald's player escort after entering a competition and described his walk-on role in the televised match as "amazing". He said: "It was good. At first I though I was going to be put with Phil Jones but then he moved back and I got Danny Welbeck."

Asked how he felt when he won the chance, Keiron added: "I was excited and I wanted to find out who I would get to walk on with."

HOT SHOT Keiron Mobbs, from Duston, walked out with Manchester United at Wembley on Sunday, see inset

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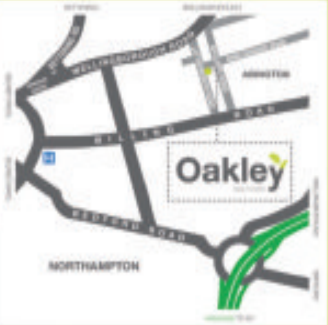
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Other buildings opening up will be Delapre Abbey, the Guildhall and 78 Derngate, all of which are joining in the Heritage Open Days between Thursday, September 12 and Sunday, September 15.

Councillor Tim Hadland, Northampton Borough Council cabinet member responsible for heritage assets, said "Many of the buildings taking part this year are usually closed to the public or charge for admission, so this is a great chance to soak up the town's history and explore some truly wonderful landmark buildings.

"The Heritage Open Days weekend is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate Northampton's heritage and culture."

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Skoda pitches it up an Octave

ROAD TEST SKODA OCTAVIA

BY JONATHAN CROUCH
www.motorstoday.co.uk

The Octavia was once the least sophisticated of all the Volkswagen Group's family hatchback products.

Not any more. Almost nothing has been held back for this third generation version.

It's still bigger and better value than most of its rivals, a Mondeo-sized medium-range hatch for the price of a Focus-sized one. The difference now, though, is that it's clever enough to change the way you think about Skoda.

The two bodystyles – hatch and estate – are mated with 1.2, 1.4 or 2.0-litre petrol power or one of the 1.6 or 2.0-litre diesels and there's the choice of four trim levels.

Whichever one you choose, your car will come with alloy wheels, tinted glass, climate-controlled air-con that also cools the glovebox, a height-adjustable driver's seat, four-spoke leather-covered steering wheel, trip computer, eight-speaker stereo with a DAB digital radio, USB and AUX sockets and a hill-holder clutch that stops you from drifting backwards on inclined junctions.

Skoda people will probably quite like the fact that the look and feel is very similar to its predecessor.

But it's when you lift the heavy boot lid that you get a feel for what this car is really all about: absolutely huge with a 590-litre load area.

Changes the way you think about Skoda

FACT FILE

SKODA OCTAVIA
PRICE: £15,990-£24,650
MAX SPEED: 121/ 154 mph
CO2 EMISSIONS: 99/149 g/km
FUEL CONSUMPTION: (combined) 53.3/ 74.3 mpg
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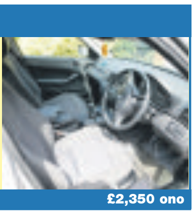

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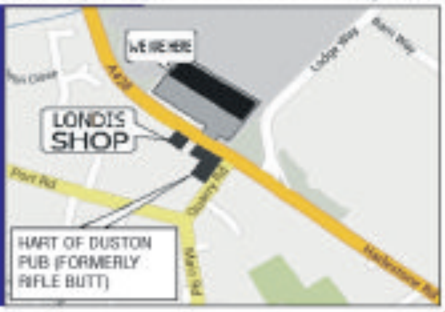

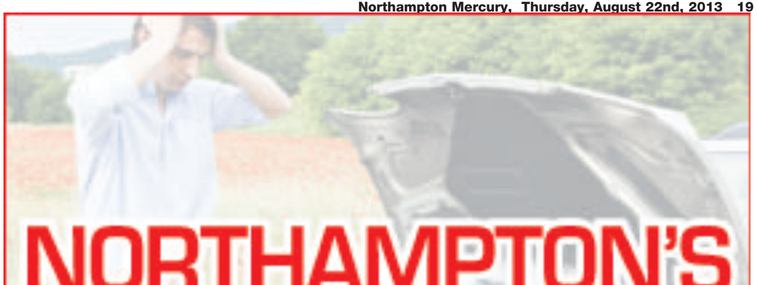

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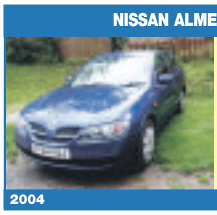

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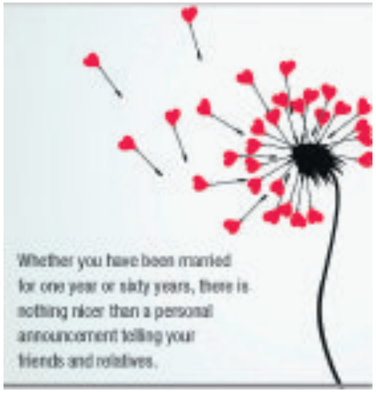

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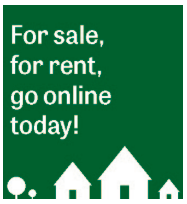

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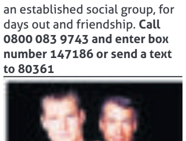

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Power play pays off for County

Coach Ripley delighted at Northants' t20 triumph

CRICKET

A concentration on power at the top of the order came to fruition at Edgbaston on Saturday much to the satisfaction of Steelbacks head coach David Ripley.

A pair of clinically brutal performances with the bat saw off both Essex and Surrey in spectacular style, as Northants stormed to the Friends Life t20 title.

And Ripley admitted that the batting was an area that was deliberately strengthened ahead of the t20 campaign.

He said: "There's no doubt that one of the things we were lacking last year was firepower.

"We did some stats and we were nowhere compared to the best teams in terms of fours and sixes.

"When you've got that kind of firepower and experience, Cam White has played a lot of Twenty20 cricket and he's good to bat around and he has a big finish."

Ripley also alluded to the attitude of the imports as being crucial in the team's success, adding: "The other thing about the guys we've brought in is that they've cared about what we're trying to do and that's been very important for Al (Wakely) and the rest of the guys to know that you've got someone who's not just looking after their own game.

"They they want to win and wualify for the quarter-finals and then finals day - they want to win."

When questioned as to whether this victory could provide a springboard to future success, Ripley was cautiously optimnistic.

He continued: "I'd like to think so. The format changes next year so there's not this little block so squads will be tested unless you're a particularly wealthy county who can employ overseas players for longer which isn't going to be our go.

"We'd love to keep these young guys together and hopefully winning cricket matches is a good feeling and being part of the team is special and it's not all about cash."

Northants are currently back in LV= Championship Division Two action against Essex at Colchester.

They then resume their bid for a place in the semi-finals of the Yorkshire Bank 40 competition on Monday when they travel to Warwickshire.

A win at Edgbaston will give the County a chance of qualifying for the last four as the best runners-up from the three groups.

Friends Life
Friends Life

HE'S GOT THE BOTTLE - David Willey was named man of the match in Northants Steelbacks' 102-run win over Surrey in the Friends Life t20 Final at Edgbaston last Saturday. Willey scored 60 of Northants' 194-2 from 18 overs, and then claimed four wickets, including a hat-trick to finish the game, as Surrey were bowled out for 92.

PICTURE: KIRSTY EDMONDS

Hornby gets the needle

FOOTBALL

COBBLERS midfielder Lewis Hornby will this week have an injection in his back in a bid to cure an injury that has prevented him from playing any part in the current campaign.

Hornby has been forced to miss Northampton's first four games with an issue with a disc that is related to a growth spurt the 18-year-old had during the close season.

It is hoped the injection will solve the problem and that he will be restored to the first-team squad in due course.

"We will find out how the injection goes and take it from there," said manager Aidy Boothroyd. "It's one of those things we can't really do anything about because it's growth. If he does need to rest then he's going to have to rest and there's nothing we can do about that but we're hopeful that this will be a solution."

The Cobblers were beaten 2-0 at Southend United on Saturday as they suffered their second defeat in three Sky Bet League Two games this term. Roy O'Donovan missed a penalty with the score at 0-0, and Chris Hackett was then sent-off for two bookings.

Town are at home to Torquay United on Saturday.

Fotuali'i off to a flyer

RUGBY

KAHN FOTUALI'I says he's really enjoying working with 'funny bloke' Lee Dickson at Saints.

And the Samoan star believes the battle for the club's No.9 shirt will bring out the best in both players this season. Dickson has been Northampton's first choice scrum-half for a number of seasons, but is set to face stiff competition from Fotuali'i.

The former Ospreys ace is one of the world's most highly-rated players in his position.

Fotuali'i impressed in his first game for Saints, at Bedford on Friday night, and he's already loving life at the club, with Dickson keeping him entertained off the pitch.

"He's a funny bloke, you know," said Fotuali'i. "He's pretty competitive so it's good for both of us. He's a good player and the competition is going to keep both of us on our toes. It's good to have that competition. We can help each other out on aspects we need to improve on. We've got on well and I'm looking forward to the season with him.

"I want to have that good competition, having someone else to compete with."

Saints are preparing for two friendlies in two days. They play at Moseley on Thursday and then at home to Edinburgh.

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Enjoying the best of both words at the Roman View development are two happy families – the Bottomleys and the Murrells.

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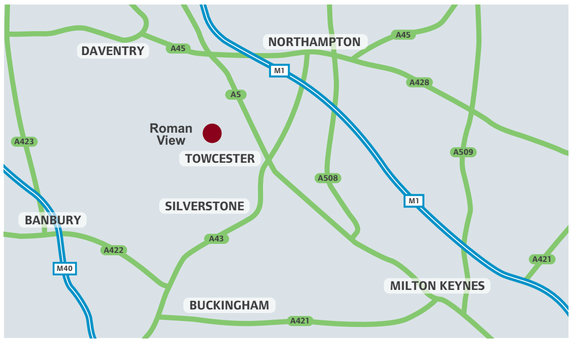

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